



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Pre-Bid Conference Minutes Cooney State Park-Cottonwood Campground Shoreline Stabilization FWP #7196128

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11:00 am

Attendees:

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Introduction: Phil Jagoda was introduced as the MT FWP Project Manager

- **Bid Date:** Bids will be opened on October 22, 2020 at 3:00 pm at the MT FWP Design and Construction Office in Helena, 1522 9th Ave.
- **Submit bid to:** Address to submit bids is 1522 9th Avenue, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701. Be aware of potential mail delays with USPS (Postal Service) and the FWP Central Mail Service. Contractors were reminded to review the mail delivery notice on page 4 of the project manual.
- **Montana Gov Delivery:** Bid documents are found online at:
<http://fwp.mt.gov/doingBusiness/DesignAndConstruction/upcomingBidOpenings.html>
Sign up on the FWP **Upcoming Bid Opening Page** to receive all changes to and updates to the website. Receive e-mail notification of new projects, addendums, and pre-bid sign in sheets posted to the FWP web site. (Sign up under **Design & Construction**, if you sign up under Fish Wildlife & Parks it will give you everything happening in all of Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks).
- **Contractor Registration:** Contractor Registration with the Department of Labor and Industry is not required to Bid the project. However, registration is required prior to contract initiation.
- **Bid Package Submittal:** bid shall include all items listed in Instruction to Bidders including:
 - a. Sealed envelope with address and project information
 - b. Bid Proposal
 - c. Bid Security
 - d. Acknowledgement of any AddendumsBids may be modified or withdrawn up to the bid opening. Contractors were warned to make sure bids are sent early as the State Central Mail system can delay delivery of bids. Contractors

were asked to please review the Instruction to Bidders Section of the Contract Documents carefully prior to submitting a bid.

- **Bid bond - 10% of total bid:** bid security may be in the form of bid bonds, cashier's check, certified check or bank money order payable to the State of Montana. Personal checks are not accepted.
- **Performance Bond, Labor and Materials Bond:** Successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance Bond and a Labor & Materials Bond in the amount of 100% of bid.
- **Insurance:** The successful bidder will be required to provide insurance as listed in the Contract Documents. Liability insurance shall be \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate. Insurance must cover vehicles used by the company. Listing the State of Montana as additional insured is required.
- **Review proposal items:** The base bid for this project includes re-grading of the slopes with some offsite import needed, salvaging the rip-rap for placement over the toe of the flexamat, and installation of the non-woven geotextile and flexamat on the slopes, and installation of the topsoil infill, seed/fertilize and erosion control blanket. Award will be made to the lowest responsible bidder.
- **Project Budget:** Estimated project cost is approx. \$130,000.
- **Fish, Wildlife and Parks supplied materials:** FWP will not be supplying any materials for this project, other than the salvaged riprap which the contractor will remove and re-install.
- **Project Schedule:** Contract time is 30 consecutive calendar days. Project may start after contracts are signed and Notice to Proceed is issued. Timeline will be as soon as possible after the notice of award. Liquidated Damages - \$250 per calendar day
- **Addenda:** At this time there have been no addenda issued. Be sure to use acknowledge any Addendums issued on bid form. No addenda will be posted after October 16. Notification of addenda will be automatically sent to those who have signed up to receive notifications from the FWP Design & Construction website.
- **Interpretations and Substitution Requests:** Interpretations and/or substitution requests are due in writing by October 13.
- **Montana Prevailing Wage Rates:** The project is subject to Montana prevailing wage rates.
- **Buy Safe Montana Provisions** – As described in the instructions to Bidders Article 14 & Section 3.1.7 of the General Conditions
- **One Year Warranty:** This project is subject to a one year warranty period.
- **Payment:** Pay requests will be processed on a 30 Day frequency. The standard 5% retainage will be withheld until project is accepted & final closeout paperwork is completed. All payments are subject to 1% DOR withholding.
- **As-Built Drawings:** FWP will perform the as-built completion survey of the grading and flexamat limits.
- **Supervision:** Contractor is required to have a qualified supervisor on-site during construction.

- **Federal Debarment Form:** Not required for this project.
- **Site Responsibilities:** Work will be completed during low water period which is currently now. All permits have been completed by FWP consisting of Floodplain, DNRC approval and Army Corp verification for NWP 13. Excavation methods/procedures shall be in accordance w/OSHA req'ts.
- **Technical Specifications and Special Provisions:** Existing riprap will be salvaged and reused as detailed in drawings. Disturbed work areas shall be reclaimed. Topsoil infill and seed may need to be installed in spring.
- **Project Walk-through:** Attendees toured the project site.

Contractor Questions and Answers

1. *Question: What is the spec. of the cohesive soils called out on the detail sheet to backfill the flexamat anchor trench?*
 - Answer: The cohesive soils shall be 3-inch minus material and have a minimum Plasticity Index (PI) of 20, and be either a CH or CL type clay as defined by the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). Local native soils may be used if prior approval by FWP project manager, and shall be approved by FWP before shipping to project site.
2. *Question: What is the spec. of the compacted fill soil as called out on the detail sheet?*
 - Answer: Off-site imported fill shall be clean material without excessive clay or fines, 3-inch minus soil, suitable for structural fill and free of deleterious materials.
3. *Question: The technical specifications Section 3.1 Part A.2 states that any required permits for the project are the responsibility of the contractor?*
 - Answer: That is incorrectly stated in the specifications, all required permits have been secured by FWP for this project.
4. *Question: Will FWP stake the limits of the Flexamat or will the contractor be required to stake out the project.*
 - Answer: FWP will complete one staking of the project, the contractor will be required to set any offset stakes or otherwise needed to complete the project after that point.
5. *Question: Will field density tests be required for compaction of the fill?*
 - Answer: Field density testing is not required, the structural fill shall be compacted by mechanical means to obtain required density. FWP project manager will also be conducting field inspections of fill to insure compacted soil exhibits proper characteristics.
6. *Question: Frost concerns with soil fill and compaction?*
 - Answer: Frozen soil or large chunks of frozen soil will not be allowed to be installed in the soil fill. Frost free soils will need to be used.
7. *Question: Is there borrow soil available on the State Park Property?*
 - Answer: No there is no borrow soil available for fill on the property.
8. *Question: Can hydroseeding be used instead of Erosion Control Fabric?*
 - Answer: No, FWP prefers to use ECM only over the seed.
9. *Question: Can the equipment access the project from the exposed shoreline now that water levels are down?*
 - Answer: Yes, equipment may use the exposed shoreline. No equipment will be allowed in the water, but with water levels currently low it is not a concern.